

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully solicited.

Claims 61 through 78 and 116 through 130 are pending, with Claims 61 and 116 through 124 being independent. Claim 116 has been amended. Claims 117 through 130 have been added.

Applicant wishes to advise that all of the subject application's claims have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 6 through 13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,732 (Takada, et al.) as shown by the following Table, where “*” indicates that the claim recites additional features not recited in the corresponding Takada, et al. claim:

TABLE

<u>Takada, et al. claims</u>	subject application claims
1	61, 117, 118, 122*, 125/117, 125/118, 125/122*, 130/117*, 130/118*, 130/122*
2	62, 116, 119, 121*, 124*, 128/119*, 128/121*, 128/124*, 129/128/119*, 129/128/121*, 129/128/124*, 130/119*, 130/121*, 130/124*
3/1	63, 126/117, 126/118, 126/120, 126/122*, 126/123*
3/2	73, 126/119, 126/121*, 126/124*
4/3/1	64, 127/126/117, 127/126/118, 127/126/120, 127/126/122*, 127/126/123*
4/3/2	74, 127/126/119, 127/126/121*, 127/126/124*
5/4/3/1	
5/4/3/2	

<u>Takada, et al.</u> claims	subject application claims
6/5/4/3/1	65
6/5/4/3/2	75
7/6/5/4/3/1	66
7/6/5/4/3/2	76
8/6/5/4/3/1	67
8/6/5/4/3/2	77
9/8/6/5/4/3/1	68
9/8/6/5/4/3/2	78
10	69, 128/117, 128/118, 128/120, 128/122*, 128/123*
11	70, 129/128/117, 129/128/118, 129/128/120, 129/128/122*, 129/128/123*
12	71, 120, 123*, 125/123*
13	72, 130/120, 130/123*

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the arguments set forth in the September 2, 2008 Preliminary Amendment, in view of which Applicant respectfully submits that declaration of an interference is appropriate. If the Examiner agrees, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (202) 503-1010 before acting upon the application so that any additional papers desired by the Examiner may be timely prepared and filed. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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